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“I am proud to announce that federal dollars will allow the hard work of students and faculty at Sacramento State University to continue,” said Representative Matsui. “CAMP is a model program, recognized as one of the best in its kind by the Department of Education. The program recruits students in our local high schools and offers them opportunities for their future they otherwise would not have. By providing federal funds to Sacramento State to support these efforts, we are not only providing these students with an education, but the services they need to place them on the best path towards a fulfilling career path.”

California is the state with the highest migrant worker population in the nation. Despite the challenges of serving a constantly mobile student body, CAMP reports that 90% of their participants finish their first year of college, with 90% of

those students continuing their studies, making CAMP participants more likely to remain in school than the average student. Since their creation in 1981, CAMP has helped about 1,500 students attain their goals. The program at CSUS maximizes its capacity each year at 80 students, and benefits the surrounding community by molding an educated, motivated workforce through providing an opportunity to attain a college education.

“CAMP is a leader in program innovation and achievement and is a stellar support program at Sacramento State, as noted by a first year retention rate in the 90th percentile,” said Dr. Marcellene L. Watson-Derbigny, Assistant Vice President, Student Academic Success for Sacramento State. “Given its high quality and notable success, students in the program will greatly benefit from the federal grant award through the continued counseling, advising, tutoring, and academic support programming they will receive from helpful staff. Such support enables them to achieve their dream of a higher education.”

“The CAMP program at Sacramento State is excited to continue its nearly 30 year history at Sacramento State University,” said Viridiana Diaz, Director, CAMP. “Migrant students, the sons and daughters of migrant and seasonal farm workers are one of the most underrepresented minorities in higher education. We are very fortunate to continue the legacy of helping migrant students get into college and through their first year of studies.”

Today’s announcement is in addition to the \$451,000 announced by Rep. Matsui last week for Sacramento State’s Bilingual and Multicultural Education Department’s High School Equivalency Program (HEP), which helps many migrant and seasonal workers to attain a GED.

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